GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GARBAGE MANAGEMENT IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the waste and garbage generated in trains, railway tracks, in and around the stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate arrangements are in place to clear this garbage; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken to upgrade the garbage management and keep the trains, tracks and stations absolutely clean?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 248 BY SHRI NAVEEN JINDAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2007 REGARDING GARBAGE MANAGEMENT IN RAILWAYS

(a) No aggregate assessment has been made of the quantity of waste and garbage generated in trains, railway tracks, in and around stations.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) Arrangements are in place to clear garbage from different areas. Garbage generated in coaches / trains is collected during the cleaning of the trains in coaching terminals after the termination of the train journey. Garbage from select trains is also collected enroute at their nominated `Clean Train Stations`. Cleaning Staff escorting prestigious trains like Shatabdi/Rajdhani etc. collect the garbage On Board these trains.

Left over food / other catering waste from trains is also collected. Similarly garbage from station premises , platforms, yards, track in the station area is also collected on a regular basis.

Garbage so collected from trains, station premises, yards and tracks in station area is transported to Garbage dumps at identified location within Railway premises, from where it is finally cleared to Garbage disposal locations of local Municipalities.

Garbage on the Railway track out side the station premises is generally small and mostly gets disposed off by prevailing weather conditions. However, wherever any significant quantity of garbage is available on track outside station area the same is cleared by Track maintenance staff as per maintenance needs.

Up-gradation of garbage management and of steps being taken to keep trains, tracks and stations clean is a continuous process.

2007-08 is also being observed as Cleanliness Year on the Railways. Some of the recent initiatives taken by the Railways are:

Progressive adoption of mechanized Cleaning of coaches /trains and coaching depot premises.

Mechanized enroute cleaning of nominated trains during their stoppage at `CLEAN TRAIN STATIONS` spread over the Railways.

Cleaning and house keeping in prestigious trains during run.

Mechanized high pressure jet cleaning of platforms, Track, Drains etc, in station area .

Launching of special cleanliness drives.

Motivational schemes for cleaning staff like Special uniforms & protective gear.

Provision of adequate nos. of dust bins, Garbage bins and large sized bags for ease of disposal.

Educational publicity campaigns and announcements at stations.

Improved supervision by significantly increasing the strength of Health Inspectors in field Units.